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A ROCK OF OFFENCE

Epistle: Rom. 9:14—33.

"For they stumbled at that stumbling-stone; As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed." —Rom. 9:32b—33.

God has given us a Rock. That Rock is Christ. He is given us for a foundation and as the Chief Cornerstone of our lives (I Pet. 2:6). The cornerstones or the temple were very important for they bound together the sides of the building making it strong and secure. Christ as the Cornerstone of our life is to make our life solid and secure against the destructive force of sin. In Him our life should be "fitly framed together" so that it might grow "unto a holy temple in the Lord". (Eph. 2:21). But as God offers men salvation in Christ, men divide themselves into two great classes: those who stumble and are offended, and those who believe in Him.

"They stumbled at that Stumbling-stone": So says Paul as He speaks of the Jews and their rejection of Christ. The same spiritual epitaph could be applied to the many in our day who have rejected God's plan of salvation in Christ. That Cornerstone did not fit into their life as conceived by their wicked human hearts. So instead of permitting themselves to be fitly framed together in Him, they set about trying to make that Stone fit into their scheme of things. The Cornerstone that was above all to be Savior from sin, they would change into a Savior from oppressive rulers and systems. The Bread of Life for hungry souls they would make into an earthly King Who should always give plenty of bread as He had once done. This Divine Changer of men's hearts they would transform into an outward reformer, a judge or divider of inheritances that would satisfy their covetous desires. (Luke 12:13—15). A suffering Savior dying on the disgraceful cross to atone for the sins of man, — that was a stumblingstone and a Rock of Offence to the Jews and to many who today blasphemously despise the "blood theology," and would substitute for it salvation by character. Christ crucified was "unto the Jews a stumblingblock and to the Greeks foolishness," (I Cor. 1:23) and is the same to multitudes today.

But the cornerstone can not be altered, nor God's plan of salvation amended by man. To try it is to stumble. Kick at the offensive points of God's Cornerstone, if you will; it will not break, but you will stumble and fall, fulfilling Simon's prophecy, "Behold, this Child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign that shall be spoken against." (Luke 2:34). Unwilling to submit to the Cornerstone and permit their lives to be fitted into its blessed purpose, and unable to hew it down to fit their purpose, the precious Cornerstone and Rock of Salvation becomes to them the Rock of Offence upon which they stumble and which they reject to their eternal damnation.

"Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed": But you need not stumble. God throws wide open the door of invitation when He says, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Dear Friend will you not let God take you by the hand and lead you through the door of faith? He says, "Whosoever", and that means you.

Listen not to the wisdom of the world, to whom the preaching of the cross is foolishness. Give no ear to the deceitful pride of your heart, lest you stumble. Let not the devil's doubt-inspiring questions close your ears to God's faith-generating "Whosoever". Let God give you faith. Then live by that faith, and the experience that God has promised, will follow: "You shall not be ashamed."



Camrose Lutheran College



Georg Moi



C. A. Ronning

From The New Principal

At the milestones of our lives we naturally cast a glance back at the path we have traveled and also try to look along the road which lies ahead of us.

The years which I have spent at Camrose Lutheran College have been happy ones, and the benefits derived from association and contact with staff members and other friends have been many.

Looking forward we can, of course, see only dimly, if at all, and our glance becomes the expression of our hopes and aspirations. The purpose and aim of our school is well expressed in the foreword of the College calendar: "It (The College) strives to be recognized for the scholarship and integrated personality attained by its students. It seeks to create a wholesome Christian atmosphere which encourages, desirable character development."

The challenge to us in the above quotation lies in the words "Christian atmosphere". To create a Christian atmosphere means simply that we live our own lives as Christian men and women. This we do if we can say with Paul: "To me to live is Christ." It is a great responsibility to try to lead young people in their quest for knowledge and scholarly attainment. It is a vastly greater responsibility to lead your own life in such a manner that young people can see Christ in you.

To me the essential virtue in the Christian character, particularly in association with young people, is *humility*. Humility is the redeeming feature in ordinary people; it is the one quality without which there is no true greatness. To grow in this virtue all one needs to do is to see oneself in the true perspective. In the Bible God shows me my true self, a sinner. He also reveals to me His love which forgives. A forgiven sinner! With that before my eyes how can I do anything else than humbly to rededicate my life to service in His kingdom.

—Georg Moi.

My friend, what is Christ to you? Is He a Rock of Offence or The Chief Cornerstone, Elect Precious? Are you stumbling, or believing?

—A. K. H.

Ronning Answers Call

En route to Lachine, Quebec,
September 3, 1942.

Mr. A. G. Lewis, Chairman,
Board of Directors,
Camrose Lutheran College.
Dear Mr. Lewis:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter to the Board of Directors of Camrose College. I have spent fifteen of the best years of my life in the service of the College and pulling roots is naturally painful. It has not been as difficult to make a decision since I accepted the call to China. In both cases, however, the final decision was inevitable. I have always believed and still do believe that God has led me in every step of life. He has opened the way and closed others.

After these years no one realizes more fully than I the importance of Camrose Lutheran College and its place in furthering God's kingdom. I have been more than rewarded for any efforts that I may have made during my stay at the College. Here is an example of what I mean. Recently I received a letter from a former student who is serving with the R.C.A.F. in England. He said: "I spend a part of each day with Christ alone. If it had not been for you, Mr. Ronning, I would not have known him." He then went on to say how thankful he was that he had attended College. He was not a Lutheran. He had been somewhat of a failure in school before. Here is another. A mother said only a short time ago: "I am so glad we sent our son to College. To you we give the credit of making a man of him after we had lost hopes." Some of you may feel that I have been too lenient with certain students. As I grow older and as I gain experience as a father, the more do I realize the Divine inspiration of the Master's utterance when he said: "Let him who is without sin, cast the first stone." I take it, that the one purpose of the College is to help the young people who attend. At the top of His scale of values, Jesus placed human personality, the human soul. "What mattereth it, if a man gain the whole world and lose his soul." In caring for the soul of each individual student, the College—its

Seminary and S.L.B.I. Sponsor Radio Broadcasts

A series of Sunday morning broadcasts sponsored jointly by Luther Theological Seminary and the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute will be carried by CFQC, Saskatoon, at 9:00—9:30, beginning October 4. This broadcast will be known as "The Lutheran Bible Hour." It is the desire of the sponsors to present an evangelically Lutheran message in word and song.

Readers of this announcement are asked to make known to others this new broadcast. They are reminded that these broadcasts will be made possible by the contributions of friends. Send these at present to either of the schools, designating your gifts for the radio fund. After October 4 such donations can be sent to radio sent to radio station CFQC.

May the Lord be able to bless this project to the glory of His name and the blessing of many individuals and congregations.

staff—its Board has a most sacred trust. The College can make or break a young man or woman. On account of its character the College can do so much more for a young person than an ordinary school. May God continue to bless the College and use it for the furtherance of His kingdom.

Although I notified the Board and the Association at the annual meeting that I had offered my services to the R.C.A.F. after I had been approached several times, I did not expect to be summoned so suddenly. When the call came, there was only one thing I could do. I accepted and am now on my way to Lachine, Quebec.

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Whatever you do, keep the College going. Its place cannot be taken by other schools.

God bless Camrose College!

Yours in the Master's service,
Fl/O C. A. Ronning,
No. 5 Manning Depot,
Royal Canadian Air Force,
Lachine, Quebec.

I Thank Thee

Dear God I thank Thee for this peace
That floods my heart and soul.
I thank Thee for this quiet rest
The rest that made me whole.
For Thou alone hast all I need
To guide me through this life.
Till I can stand on Heaven's shore
Free from all care and strife.

I thank Thee God for guiding light
Along life's darkest road
I thank Thee God for blessed prayer
That lightens every load
For Thou alone hast healing balm
For every wound and pain
That comforts every sin-sick heart
And makes it whole again.

Dear God I thank Thee most of all
For what Thou didst for me —
The burden lifted from my heart
Through Christ—and set me free.
Alone I wandered life's dark path
No light ahead could see.
But o'er the brink of fruitless life
Destruction waited me.

I thank Thee God that Thou didst show
Thy gracious love to me.
I'm standing on the solid rock
My life I'll live for Thee.
Oh help me God so day by day
That I in grace may grow
That I no matter where I be
May live Thy Light to show.

—Mildred Knudsen.

A Mission Truth

"If there were more true abiding in Christ, there would be less selfish abiding at home."

The SHEPHERD — HYRDEN

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Camrose Lutheran College.

Camrose Lutheran College opens its doors Tuesday, September 22nd. for the new school year. Swiftly changing events of our day touched the faculty circle at the College. It is with both regret and joy that we learn that Mr. Ronning was summoned to new field of service. Regret that it, temporarily at least, severs ties fused in fifteen years of service at the College. Joy that his Christian influence and versatile personality will be directly at the disposal of our country in these solemn times. Christians with high ideals, and fearless expression are needed in these days of fast moving human events.

To the new principal Mr. Georg Moi we convey on behalf of the Shepherd our wishes for God's richest blessings. We are certain that the Lord has led this servant and prepared him for such-a-time-as-this. We have learned to know him as a conscientious and humble servant of the Lord. He carries with him that indefinable sturdy Christian influence that characterizes many whose spiritual roots are imbedded in the soil of Norway. He, together with his colleagues at the College, need the prayers of the church.

Keeping Sunday Sacred

Astride the path of the farmer this year will stand the temptation to harvest his fields on a seven-days-a-week basis. With the late harvest, and the still later threshing, arguments for this will seem sensible and convincing.

Scriptures reveal clearly that the Old Testament Sabbath was a "shadow" of things to come. Col. 2:16—17. Together with other laws the Sabbath Law found its fulfillment and completion in Christ. However, the Old Testament "shadow" suggests to us a New Testament reality also in regard to the day of rest. In Exodus 34:21: we read:

"Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in plowing time and in harvest thou shalt rest."

(R. V.)

There was danger for the Old Covenant people to plead necessity of disregarding the Sabbath Law in time of seeding and harvest. Therefore the Lord warns them.

Jesus plainly warned against a legalistic observance of the Sabbath. (Mark 2:23—28). However the New Testament Day of Rest should be observed. This three-fold reason has been suggested:

1. It is a lay set aside by the Government.

2. Since the Resurrection of Christ it has been regarded as a Festival Day in the church.

3. It aids in the worship of God, assembled together in the House of God, and in family and individual meditation.

Body and soul needs a day of rest. God makes that plain. For this reason too it will be a matter of concern for a Christian to harvest and garner in his fields on Sunday. It is a question whether it can be done "in faith". Rom. 14:23. Then too the Law of love demands that the conscience of a brother be considered. Romans 14:21. Romans 13: 9—10.

The Lord of the Day of Rest will more than compensate, even in a material way, those who dare to regard worship of God more necessary than apparent personal earthly benefits. "Seek ye first the King-

Confirmation Service

Confirmation service was held in St. Olaf Congregation, served by Pastor C. L. Jothan, Sunday Sept. 6, at 11:00 a.m. followed by communion service in the afternoon. It was a beautiful day and a large gathering. A class of five girls and three boys were confirmed. Names as follows: Doreen Gertrude Brujord, Olga Venaasen, Annie Jennie Ekrol, Robert Iver Ekrol, John Arnold Bye, Eva Ingrid Bye, Agnes Margrete Garstad, Bernhard David Mogeh. May they by God Grace be kept in their baptismal covenant.

—Corr.

DISTRICT ALLOCATION MEETING

The following program will be given on Tuesday, October 13, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the King George Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan:

1. "How Can we improve our methods of allocating and raising the budget of our Church?"—Pastor T. Nordmark, Sexsmith, Alta.
2. "Should we stress tithing in our Stewardship instruction in our congregations?"—Mr. H. L. Egland, Midale, Sask.
3. "How can the grace and joy of Christian giving be developed in our congregational membership?"—Pastor Raymond Olson, Slaresholm, Alberta.

The messages will be followed by discussion. The Allocation will take place in the evening. Circuit Stewardship secretaries have been notified, and are expected to attend.

—A. M. Vinge.

God willing, the fall circuit meeting of Moose Jaw Circuit will be held in St. Olaf congregation, Viceroy, Sask. October 16—18. The opening sermon is Friday morning, Oct. 16th., at 11 a.m. The text for discussion is Romans 10:1—13. The W. M.F. Program is Saturday evening. As many as possible make an effort to come, and pray for God's Blessing upon this convention. — Sigmund Bue, Secr.

The Western Lutheran reports that Dr. Harold Ronning has been appointed dean and registrar of Pacific Lutheran College. He replaces Dr. Philip E. Hauge who is on leave of absence as First Lieutenant in the Army Air Force.

Evangelist Philip Hanson, Minneapolis, skal bestyre menighetsarbeidet i Calgary, Alberta, under pastor Ivar Saugens fravær som feltprest i den kanadiske hær.

"The knowledge of Christ, and of faith, is no work of man, but simply the gift of God, who as He creates faith, so does He keep it in us. And even as He first gives faith unto us through the Word, so afterwards He exercises, increases, strengthens and makes perfect the same in us by the Word. Therefore the greatest service that a man can do unto God, and the very sabbaths, is, to exercise himself in true godliness, diligently to hear and the read the Word. Contrarywise, there is nothing more dangerous than to be weary of the Word. He therefore that is so cold, that he thinks himself to know enough, and begins little by little to loathe the Word, that man has lost Christ and the gospel."

—Dr. Martin Luther.

Wine In The Water Pots

Nina H. Baalson

"Fill ye the water pots."
Simple our Lord's command,
Simple the task He gives us,
Just what is close at hand.

Doing His gentle bidding,
Gladly as we are told,
Asking no idle questions
What the future may hold.

Knowing He never asks us
More than our strength can bear,
Knowing whatever our burden,
Jesus will always care.

Giving our loving obedience,
This is your task and mine,
Leaving it unto Jesus
To make the water wine.

dom of God and its righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

—V.

Obituary

Mrs. Nellie Ingeborg Gillard passed away at the Wetaskiwin Hospital July 28th after a lingering illness. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. K. O. Kandal at the Campbell Funeral Parlor, Wetaskiwin, after which the remains were forwarded to Coronation, Alberta where services were held in the United Church August 1st. Rev. Jess officiating.

She leaves to mourn her loss her loving husband, and their baby Irvin, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bakken of Wetaskiwin, and sisters and brothers and a host of friends.

"It my seem strange to us
That this life ends
When there is still so much we want to do
So many plans to make, so many friends,
So many dreams we want to make come true;

An yet we know that death can only give
The gift of life eternal—ending never
Where we may plan and work
And Grow and live
Forever and Forever.

There were many beautiful flower tributes. There were also memorial wreaths in form of money given to Home Missions, Children's Homes, and to the Central Alberta Inner Mission Society.

This time the undersigned would like to give an "In memoriam" gift to our Church paper, The Shepherd, which is becoming more precious to us the more we read it.

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—Mrs. Jevne.

Fall Term, S.L.B.I.

The fall term of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bilbe Institute opens Wednesday October 7, with registration during the day and the opening service at 7:30 in the evening. Students are reminded to bring their ration cards with them.

The question has been asked, if the school will be able to carry on this year. If the Lord wills that it shall — and we are confident that such is His will — there will be again this year enough students to warrant continuing the work, and funds to make possible its continuance. "Ye have not, because ye ask not." Will you not join us in asking of the Lord to supply both students and funds?

Thou are the Way, the Truth, the Life from heaven,
This blest assurance Thou to us hast given;
O wilt Thou teach us, Lord, to win Thy pleasure
In fullest measure?

Thou art the Way: to reach our destination
We surely need Thee, fount of our salvation;
Lest we should stumble when our sins beset us,
Do not forget us.

Thou art the Truth; though darkness overtake us,
The heav'nly light will nevermore forsake us;
O shine within us, all our gloom dispelling,
Make us Thy dwelling.

Thou art the Life: to all Thine own Thou givest
Eternal life where Thou forever livest;
There without ceasing, as we stand before Thee,
Let us adore Thee.

—F. A. Krummacher.

Concerning the Tongue

Did you ever keep your tongue for one day allowing it to speak no unkind, untrue, or unclean word; allowing it to utter no word about another's business, no judging, condemning, or critical word? Did you ever take an inventory of your words at the end of the day?

It was the Greeks who said: "The boneless tongue so small and weak, can crush and kill."

Nyheter fra B. C. Sølvsbryllup

Den Norske kirken hadde innbudt til en liten fest for hr. of fru P. M. Pederson i anledning av sølvbryllupsdagen. Ceremonimesteren var F. G. Hoyme og festen blev holdt Fredag aften den tiende Juli. I kjøkkenet regjerte fru Geo. Gjertsen. Flere korte taler blev holdt. Lykønskninger fra Kvindeforeningen frembaaret av fru. J. Brue. fra Luther League of Søndagskolen ved fr. Harriet Foss; fra menigheten ved dens sekreter J. Bru, Pastor A. H. Solheim kunde fortelle fra den tiden da Kirke-Pederson begyndte "aa fly med ho clara". Fru Kerr (Agnes Stolee) sang som nun selv hadde skrevet for anledningen. Fru Gjertsen sang: "Det er saa yndig at følges ad." Sølvbrudeparret blev overrakt et sølv te og kaffe service.

—Ann-Mari.

DØDSFALL

Mrs. Andrew Solberg, Gouldtown, Sask. døde den 20de august, lidt over 72 aar gammel. Hun døde efter et slagtilfælde.

Hennes pikenavn var Anne Lovise Roset, født i Innviken, Nordfjord, Norge. I Innviken kirke blev hun døpt og konfirmeret, og i samme kirke blev hun ektevidd til Andrew B. Solberg i aaret 1902. I 1905 utvandret de til U.S.A. og bosatte sig i Nord Dakota. I 1912 kom det til Kanada og bosatte sig paa homestead 14 mil nord fra Herbert hvor de har levet siden. Hun efterlater is sin ektefelle og fem barn Berent Christian, Ragna, Olga, og Oscar. Alle med sine familier lever in grannelaget og er aktive medlemmer av Highland menighet.

Mrs. Solberg var en trofast kirkegjenger og nadverdsgjest, og hun vil bli dypt savnet i menigheten. Hennes sørgende efterlatte har det haap og den tro at hun fik gaa hjem til hvilen som er tilbage for Guds folk. Deres tap er hennes vinning.

Hun blev begravet paa Highland kirkegaar den 22 August under stor deltakelse. Pastor Marvin Odland som er menighetens prest holt andakt ved huset of talte i kirken over den 23de salme, samt forettet ved graven—alt paa engelsk. Pastor O. J. Marken, som i mange aar var hennes prest og sjelesørger var ogsaa tilstede og talte lidt paa norsk over Joh. 5:28—29.

Saa har da Mrs. Solberg faat gaa til hvile efter en lang arbeidsdag. Velsignet vere hennes minde.

—O. J. M.

Paa anmodning offentligjøres i Hyrden gaver minde om Halvor Anderson, Wingello, Saskatchewan. Gaverne er git til the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute.

Spring Creek Kvindeforening \$500.
Oscar Hamre 75c.

En Nitti-aaring

Den 31te August samlet nogle venner hos Pastor Ole J. Marken for at gratulere Mr. Timan Sundvol paa hans 90 aars fødselsdag. Han er onkel til Mrs. Marken og han har havt sit hjem hos dem i mange aar.

Mr. Sundvol er legems og aandsfrisk, men han er lit skral i leggerne saa det er vanskelig at komme rundt i byen. Ønsker gamlingen mange lyse hyggelige dage fremover.

—G.

"There is a type of Christianity that is seeking only blessed experiences for self, that is, it is asking, 'What can I get out of this?' The redeemed person seeks rather to give as much to, and do as much for, the Lord as possible."

Said the Turks: "The tongue destroys a greater horde than does the sword."

The Persians claim: "A lengthy tongue means an early death." And "don't let your tongue cut off your head."

From Arabia comes this: "The tongue's greatest storehouse is the heart."

This from the Hebrews: "Though your feet may slip, never let your tongue."

The sacred writers say: "If a man claim to be righteous and bridle not his tongue, that man's religion is vain." "If a man offend not in word, that same is a perfect man." "Who keeps his tongue, doth keep his soul."

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.

Joh. 10:11

THE SHEPHERD

Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE. Joh. 10:7.

Den gode Hyrde setter sit

liv til for faarene.

Joh. 10:11

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i September, 1942

17. søndag efter trefoldighet.

DET GAMLE OG DET NYE

Mark. 2, 18—28.

Av res. kap. Ludw. Schübeler, Oslo.

Det er saa rart med det en er blitt vant til. De fleste av oss har det sikkert slik, at vi trives best med det, og derfor tar det alltid litt tid før vi helt forsoner oss med noe nytt.

Den gamle dressen, den gamle kaapen, det gamle hjemmet, de gamle vennene, — vi holder gjerne fast paa dem. For ikke aa snakke om: det gamle mennesket. Det er visst ingenting vi saa nødig skiller oss av med som det. Ikke aa undres over, for det er jo en del av oss selv. Kanskje endog en meget fremtredende del, som vi har vent oss til aa ta svært meget hensyn til.

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Vi har sikkert derfor allesammen kjem-pet mangel drabelig kamp for aa redde det gamle menneske i oss. Kanskje har vi innsett at han ikke mer passer i vort livs hovedbygning, men saa har vi alle en eller annen drengestue, hvor vi i det lengste prø-ver aa holde liv i ham. Var han stygg aa skue for andre, — ja, saa lappet vi paa de verste fillene. Mon der ikke ogsaa kom en tid for oss alle, hvor vi var villig nærsagt til hvad som helst, bare vi fikk lov til aa holde liv i ham. Han skulde bare saavidt faa eksistere, og han skulde værsaagod faa ta tiltakke med skrøpelig kost, ja, var vi ikke ogsaa med paa aa gi ham et nesten kristelig utseende! Vi tøllet ham og tros-set ham og paala ham den strengeste diet, samtidig som vi fiffet ham op med nye navn og nye vaner.

Det var bare en ting vi ikke vilde: vi kunde ikke faa oss til aa utlevere ham til døden. Kanskje var det ennu verre nu enn første-gang, da Guds Aand lot oss se ham. For nu representerte han jo ennu mer mig selv. Nu var han jo med all sin stas en demonstrasjon av min egen vilje og evne til aa være god.

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Slik gikk det iallefall til for mange. Deres kristendom var ikke noe annet enn nye lapper paa gamle filler. Og saa sprakk det hele for dem en dag. Den gamle Adam reiste hodet igjen. Den onde aand kom tilbake til sitt hus og fant det feiet og pry-det. Men huset var fremdeles hans, og saa blev det siste verre med det menneske enn det første.

Det gaar ikke paa denne maaten. Det gamle klædebonnet, de gamle skinnssekke-ne, det gamle mennesket maa overlates til døden. Det skjer naar synden blir "over-maate syndig". Naar Paulus tenker til-bake paa den tid i hans liv, da dette skjed-de, sier han: "Jeg derimot døde". Det var da han oplevet dette sønderrivende og for-ferdelige, at det gamle menneske i ham blev utlevert til døden. Ser han siden til-bake paa den opplevelsen, saa er det som om smerten ved det som skjedde atter blir levende og lammende.

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Der er en hel del mangler ved vort kristenliv, slik de mange lever det. Der er saa lite av den brudesvennes glede over brudgommen, som den første del av teksten idag skildrer. Og der er lite av den frigjorte, evangeliske kristendom som vi møter i de siste versene. Derfor er det ogsaa temmelig skrøpelig bevendt med salt-kraften og surdeigsarten.

Skylden for dette legger vi ofte paa feil sted. Saa er det forholdene og saa er det fristelsene og saa er det noe annet.

Tenk nu om skylden ene og alene er din egen! At aarsaken ligger i ditt forhold til ditt gamle menneske. Og at alt det andre i ditt liv som ikke er i orden, skriver sig fra at du ennu driver med aa lappe paa og holde liv i det, som Jesus har dømt til død og ødeleggelse.

Paa Blodets Regning

"I hvem vi ved hans blod har forløsning, Syndernes forladelse, efter hans naades rig-dom." Efes. 1:7.

Blodet har altid veret den løsende og reddende magt for en synder. Lige fra det første offer bibelen omtaler, har det fundet velbehag for Gud og vei til frelse. Fra Kains alter vilde ingen røgsøile heve sig op til Guds himmel, men fra Abels blodbe-stenkte offer finder den vei lige til Gud. Moses var utrustet av Gud som intet an-det dødeligt menneske, men hans magt og kunst formaaede dog ikke at faa Israel ud fra den forherdede Farao. Det var først da lammets blod var strøket paa dørstol-perne, og det stegte lam blev spist, at Fa-raos magt blev knekket. Og saaledes er det den dag idag. Hvormeget du beder, leser og kjemper, angrer og forsager, saa blir der dog ingen forandring, du følger dig kun verre, fordi budet gjør synden levende. Det eneste som ogsaa kan redde dig er lammets blod. Hvorledes kan lammets blod redde mig? Det har Jesus forliget dig med Gud, rundet for dig til Syndernes forladel-se; de har strøget over all din synd for Gud, det har aabnet den stengte vei, og du er salig paa blodets regning, om du tror—saa haard, saa verdslig, saa Gudløs og falsk som du kjender dig. Naar du saa tror det-te med dit hjerte, saa er du salig—ikke i dig selv, men i Jesus. Saa tro det idag, svake synder, det er dit blod ligesaa sikkert som nogen andens. Det blev udgydt ogsaa for dig til syndernes forladelse.

Ak, lammets blod, det Dyrebare blod der fant jeg fred, da jeg for korset stod, Der er fred for os alle. Blodet gjelder hver eneste dag!

Der er liv i at se paa det Golgate Kors, Just nu er der liv og for dig! Ak synder saa se dog til ham og bliv frelst, Se til ham som der ofrede sig.

Ludvik Hope.
(Indsendt av N. F.)

Ett jeg ganske sikkert vet:
Gud er kjærlighet.
La det komme sorg og glede,
hvis av Gud jeg lar mig lede,
lar Ham mig i haanden tage
mørke netter, lyse dage,
— jeg skal aldri jøre vild,
hvis jeg hører Herren til.

Før du mig i sorgens daler,
gjennem gledens straaledaler.
Herre, før mig hvor du vil.
Før mig gjennem vann og ild;
flammen, den skal ikke tende,
ilden, den skal ikke brenne,
bare smelte, forme mig,
saa jeg maa bli mer lik dig.

—E. S.

Bekjenn!

Naar du har saaret en av dine kjære i hjemmet, ber du om forlatel-se naar ergrelsen er gaatt av dig? Eller gir du vedkommende det innt-rykk at din forseelse er noe uvesent-lig, noe som nu engang hører det daglige menneskeliv til? Sløver du ikke paa den maate baade din egen og dine kjæres erkjennelse? Tenk efter!

"They are as a fresh western breeze which gives back tenfold of its re-vivifying power."

Christiansen, on the Church Choir.

"Christ is not only the Christian's goal, but his guarantee that he shall reach it."

Skulde det være din skade, da ber Han dig idag ikke om noen pene ord eller gode gjerninger, men kun om dette ene: en be-tingslesløs utlevering av ditt eget jeg.

Stol nu saapass paa Ham, at du gjør det, saa skal du faa baade brudesven-nenes festglede og den evangeliske frihet og alt dette annet i tilgift.

Bare seksti dager.

En dag sat nogen personer i vente-værelset hos en læge. Blandt dem var en statelig middelaars mand. Manden sa til sin sidekamerat: "Det er jo helt bort i natta at jeg sitter her. Men kona vilde endelig at jeg skulle gaa til doktoren, skjønt det bare en spørsmål om en fillesak, — en vis kjensleløshet i tungespidsen. Det er naturligvis noget som gaar bort av sig selv."

I dette øieblik blev han kaldt ind til lægen. Undersøkningen varte længe. Endelig gik døren op. Den besøkendes ansikt var dækket av svetdraper, han var svært blek og saa ut som om han hadde faat et knusende slag. Han blev staaende i døren, vendte sig til lægen og spurte: "Er De helt sikker, doktor? Er der ikke noget at gjøre? Kan De ikke foreta en operation?"

"Jeg kjender ikke noget middel mot den sykdommen De har," svarte lægen stille og alvorlig.

"Hvor længe kan det da vare?" spurte manden.

"Høist to maaneder," sa længen efter et øiebliks stilhet. Ikke lenger. Men sæt Dem, saa kan jeg hente lidt vandt til Dem."

"Nei, nei," svarte manden og skyndte sig mot døren. "Jeg har ikke tid. Jeg har saa meget som skulle ut-rettes. Bare to maaneder!"

Vi er vel ikke i tvil om at denne mand fik det travelt med at ordne alt vedrørende sin jordiske gjer-ning?

Men gad vite om han ogsaa fik det like travelt med at ordne sit forhold til Gud?

Bare seksti dager!

Det kan jo synes at være kort tid naar det gjælder at gjøre sig færdig for døden og til at møte Gud. Et helt livs regnskap skal da gjøres op. Men det er en ting som er saa godt at vite, og det er at et saadant oppgjør kan foregaa i et øieblik, bare Gud faar høre det opriktige hjertesuk: Gud vær mig synder naadig. Saa forlater han uten at bebreide.

Et oppgjør med Gud taaler imid-lertid ikke nogen utsættelse. En faar ikke altid 60 dager — men det kan skje i dag.

Er vi da rede? — E. i "Kristelig Ukeblad," Oslo.

Norge i nød

Gud, ta haand om fedrelandet som i fare er — Har vort haap om redning strandet Herre, kom da ner — Kom i naade os i møte frels fra fiendehaand, Send en fager morgenrøde over Norges land!

Gud, ta haand om fedrelandet — Se, hvor dine ber! NORGE, — høireist over vandet — NORGE vort — saa kjær — Hjerter bløder, — taarer rinder — sangen stilner av — Aa, det er som lyset svinder streifer grav ved grav...

Gud, ta haand om fedrelandet — du har gjort det før — Ser i mørke — intet andet — aapner du din dør — Ja, i trengsels tider svere fandtes tidt den vei vi i medgang ei fik lere: VEIEN IND TIL DIG!

Tilda Akersmyr Tofteland. Luverne, Minn., 14. april 1940.

Naar Herren ser oss som levende grener i vintreet, gleder han sig i oss og sier: Du er aldeles deilig, der er aldeles intet lyte paa dig.

Jespersen.

En underlig hendelse

Han hadde pløiet sjøen det meste av sit liv. Nu, mens livskvelden seg ind over ham, sat han og gjenkaldte de merkeligste opplevelser som endnu stod friskt i minde. En av disse for-talte han mig, og jeg gir den videre:

"Vi var paa vei nordover," be-gyndte han. "Det var en vakker dag med lidt bris, saa pass at vi med alle seil til tops seg fremover saa smaat. Mandskapet fik ordre om at gaa op i riggen og skrape rent for sop m. m.

Lille deksgutten, som netop var blit en "leser" og derfor var gjen-stand for de andres spot, maatte og-saa til tops. Han hadde lagt merke til en fin, god skrape som tømmer-manden hadde, og efter megen tryg-len fik han endelig laane den.

"Men naade dig mister du den," hørte jeg tømmermanden rope til ham idet han kravlet op riggen.

Deksgutten fik jobben at skrape en av bommerne. Mens han laa yterst paa bommen, hørtes et plask, der-med faldt skrapen i sjøen. Nu blev der liv. Gutten kom springende hen til mig med graaten i halsen og rop-te: "Jeg har mistet skrapen, hvad vil tømmermanden si?" "Ta det med ro, saa skal jeg ordne det." "Jamen vi kan jo be at Gud skal skaffe skra-pen igjen," sa han, dermed forsvandt han ind paa et lite rum som vi to, som var de eneste lesere ombord, brukte til bønnen. Imens gikk jeg til tømmermanden for at ta det haardeste stød med ham. Om en li-ten stund kom gutten springende ut og ropte: "Jo, nu skal skrapen komme igjen, Gud har lovet det, og for ham er ingenting umulig."

Da jeg paa ingen maate vilde slaa ned motet og troen hos en nyfrelst, sa jeg ikke et enest ord til ham, men i mit stille sind tenkte jeg: "Den gangen blir du nok lurt. Vi er jo alt langt fra stedet hvor skrapen faldt, og ikke faar du mig til at tro at det lar sig gjøre at finde den."

Da vi hadde seilt en times tid, rop-te styrmanden paa en av gutterne at han skulde finde et fiskesnøre. "Der er nogen fisk som følger i kjølvand-et." Styrmanden kaster ut snøret. Om ikke lenge nappet det og han drar en stor fisk paa dæk. Da fisken lidt efter blev virket op av kokken, ligger skrapen inde i den.

Hvor stor blev ikke forbauselsen, ingen vilde tro det, det var jo et un-der hvordan fisken kunde svelge den store skrapen.

Men hvor blev det av deksgutten? Jo, jeg ante hvor han var og listet mig ind i bønnenrummet. Der laa han paa knæ og priste Gud som endnu hører bøn, og for hvem alt er mulig. Jeg maatte bøie mine kne ved hans side, jeg kunde ikke si andet end: "Herre, hjelp min vantro!" Men fra den dag var der ingen som spottet den lille deksgut og heller ikke den Gud han trodde paa."

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Denne sande historie fra livet kan være god at høre i disse dage. Tiden vi lever i er fuld av tvil, vantro og gudsfornektelse i mangt og meget. Verden jubler naar de hellige ting dras ned i smusset. For Guds folk er det en lummer tid, "av syner er der lite." Det som vi behøver, er at kjende en Gud som svarer paa bøn, en Gud som alt er mulig for. At kun-ne fortælle verden idag at vi tjener en Gud som svarer, det er den bed-ste motgift mot tidens giftige slan-gebit. — Carsten Line i "Evangelis-ten."

Alt som faar rum i hjertet, faar ogsaa makt i ens liv.

Luther College Emergency Appeal

In a letter to every circuit president, our executive secretary Oscar C. Hanson presents the need of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, whose main building was destroyed by this spring. A total of \$300,000.00 will be needed to replace this large building. Concerning this appeal, our secretary writes:

"We are anxious that every local Luther League organization respond to this emergency appeal. We call upon our good circuit presidents to contact local leagues in the circuit and urge them to take this matter up for consideration immediately. Many leaguers will gladly subscribe individually as our congregations are approached. If every league does something, it will be a tremendous help in reaching the goal set by our Church."

In view of the regulations of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, it would be advisable for contributions from our district, whether by individuals or organizations, to be sent to Treasurer Shurson, 425 South Fourth Street, Minneapolis. He will forward them to the proper persons.

The Bible

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe in it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

—Author unknown.

CHRIST TALKING TO YOU

By Ole Skaret

You call Me Master, but ask Me not;
You call Me the Light, but see Me not;
You call Me the Way, but follow Me not;
You call Me the Life, but desire Me not;
You call Me wise, but hear Me not;
You call Me lovely, but love Me not;
You call Me rich, but ask Me not;
You call Me faithful, but trust Me not;
You call Me noble, but serve Me not;
You call Me almighty, but honor Me not;
You call Me righteous, but fear Me not;
If you will be judged, wonder not thereat!
(Translated by S. J. Rude)

Remember the Budget

In a letter dated September 9th a report of the 1942 budget ingathering is inclosed. By this report we note that only 54.8% has been gathered to that date. That is only a little over one-half of our budget. We realize that in these tragic days the Gospel of Jesus Christ must go forward. It is only as we uphold His cause in our prayers and with our gifts that the work can be carried on. God has blessed us. Let us show our thankfulness in bringing to God our means that the budget may be remembered.

—A. M. Vinge.

MY DAD

No matter how old or how young is the lad,
A boy lifts his hand and leans on his Dad.
His Dad is a stay and a staff in his hands,
He is guided and bent the way his Dad stands.
My Dad never failed me—and I'm ever that lad
Who, lifting his hands, leans safely on Dad.
Fred D. Dommer.

"He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy." (Prov. 28: 13).

A Christian is a person whose sins are forgiven. No person, however noble and virtuous his life, whose sins are not forgiven by God is in the true sense of the word a Christian. Forgiveness is mine through faith, for then am I joined to Him who is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. The Christian life sums up in this, as stated in Luther's Explanation of the Third Article, that "in the Christian Church He daily and richly forgives me and all believers all our sins."

The forgiveness of sins is ours through faith. What is faith? A mere assent of the intellect to the truths of Scripture? Ah, no, it is a resting of the heart upon the promises of God in Christ. Those promises sum up in this, that He has taken our sins upon Himself, and that for His sake God forgives us our sins. Hence true faith expresses itself in the confession of sin, and in the renunciation of all that is known to be sin.

A person can not cover, that is keep hidden by failing to confess it, any known sin and still have the forgiveness of sins. For such an attitude on his part shows that he does not really believe God when He declares that Christ has paid for our sins. It shows that he would rather have his sin than its forgiveness. It shows that he is choosing his sin in preference to Christ.

Young people, you who look to Christ as your Savior, keep the fellowship with Him unbroken by daily confession. As you confess and forsake your sins, you shall obtain mercy and prosper in the life with Christ.

Choral Union Prince Albert Circuit

The following list of hymns will be used at the Choral Union Concert at Prince Albert Circuit Young People's Luther League Convention to be held at Concordia Church, Oct. 23—25, 1942.

My Jesus I Love Thee,
Lead Kindly Light,
We Would See Jesus,
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
My Faith Looks Up to Thee,
Summer Suns Are Glowing
Still, Still with Thee
Praise Ye the Father.

The above hymns are found in the Old and New Concordia. The theme song for the convention is "Holy Ghost with Light Divine" first verse Hymn 91 in Old Concordia.

—Ocelia Asals, Director.

THE BIBLE

Uprooter of sin.
Begetter of life.
Revealer of God.
Light of intellect.
Fashioner of law.
Guide of history.
Foe to superstition.
Comfort in sorrow.
Enemy of oppression.
Strength in weakness.
Star of death's night.
Promise of the future.
Pathway in perplexity.
Escape from temptation.
Illuminator of darkness.
Secret of national progress.
Charter of all true liberty.
Forerunner of civilization.
Steadier in the day of power.
Ornament and mainspring of literature.
Molder of institutions and governments.
Regulator of all high and worthy standards.
Answer to the deepest hungerings of the heart.

—Publisher Unknown.

Swift Current Luther League Convention

October 9 to 11th. in the West Prairie Church of Leinan, K. Bergsagel, Pastor. The Convention opens Friday evening at

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

Editor, Rev. G. O. Evenson, Outlook, Sask.

A Good Book For Leaguers

Life is full of problems and questions, and not least so for young people. For this reason the new book by Dr. John P. Milton "People Are Asking" can not be too highly recommended to young people. The author answers more than one hundred fifty questions that have been asked him during his ministry as pastor and teacher. They are live questions for our day, dealing with practical problems of the Christian life, with social customs, with Church activities, and as well with certain questions of doctrine. My impression after reading it is that the writer answers the various questions asked with such Christian common sense and loyalty to Scripture that there is little room for argument. As soon as possible get this book.

Many of the questions have direct reference to Luther League work. One of these, with Dr. Milton's answer, is quoted in its entirety:

"Question: What is to be done about a Luther League which can see nothing wrong in dancing, smoking, card playing, and drinking, and which prefers playing bingo to Bible study at league meetings in the basement of the church?"

Answer: I sincerely hope that this question describes a very exceptional situation in the Lutheran Church; and yet, something of that spirit every league and every church has to contend with. Without entering into a minute discussion of the evil of each of the things mentioned—gambling, dancing, drinking, etc.—and without assuming that these extreme forms of worldliness could ever crowd into a Luther League meeting, it is in place to reaffirm that the spiritual and Biblical emphasis must ever be uppermost in the Luther League, or, from the viewpoint of Christ and of the church, it is not worth maintaining. A League that rebels against the mention of Bible study or at a Biblical spirit and content in its programs is spiritually ready to disband. I say this with all due allowance for the need of a legitimate social and recreational activity within the league program. It is possible to have a social and recreational program which is not sinful, and which does not conflict with that true spirituality and Scriptural content which should give direction and tone to the whole. If the spirit of the league becomes so worldly as to be resentful of the Biblical and spiritual, it is time to take drastic action. Such a league should be given what it needs. Pastor, church council, and spiritually-minded young people need to get together and make it a matter of prayer, and then insist on a spiritual program, even if it wrecks the organization as it now is and makes it necessary to build up a new league founded on right principles. In this reconstruction the pastor should naturally take the lead, and do it courageously, as the spiritual leader of the whole church."

Dr. Milton is one of the professors at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Prince Albert Circuit Luther League Convention

The Prince Albert Circuit Luther Leagues gather in convention on Friday October 23, continuing through Sunday October 25, at Concordia, near Ordale, Mr. Fengstad's charge.

The theme of the convention program is: "I am the Light of the world", based on John 8:12. Our guest speaker is Rev. G. O. Evenson, Dean of the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute.

Leagues are asked to have their invitations in by October 24 if they wish to invite the convention for next year.

Leaguers of the circuit are urged to attend and to pray much for the meetings. May Christ become a shining light to all our Leaguers.

—Henry Haugen,
Circuit President.

Christopher Lake Bible Camp

In response to the Master's call, "Come ye apart," Bible Campers made their way also this year to Christopher Lake, June 29 to July 13. There was a good attendance, a number of campers coming from outside of the Prince Albert Circuit.

The large new chapel with the light shining in through a beautiful window cross in the front was an inspiration in itself as we gathered there for classes, devotional services and conference groups. The new dining hall, where most of the campers took their meals, also afforded times of happy fellowship.

Cause for greatest joy, however, was the assurance that God was mightily present at camp. This we experienced in our classes, in the evening services, in the choir rehearsals, at the lake sings, around the evening campfires, in the conference groups, on the ball diamond, yes, wherever campers met on the grounds. Many made it known that God had come into their lives as Savior and Master this year at camp. Many received the assurance which had not been theirs before. For all we thank and praise God.

In addition to the pastors of the circuit, the faculty included: Rev. E. V. Stime for both weeks; Rev. A. E. Syverud for the last week; Rev. G. O. Evenson for the first week; Dr. I. Iversen for part time, including the first Sunday when he dedicated the chapel. These all shared abundantly of the riches they had in Christ, each in his own way. They gave freely of their time in getting personally acquainted with those who were new and in renewing acquaintance with old friends. This gave opportunity for many to receive help in their spiritual problems.

Credit is due Rev. J. T. Dahle, Camp Dean, and Rev. P. Lerseth, Camp Manager, for efficient administration. Rev. J. A. Korshavn ably served as choir director.

—Mrs. John Precht.

Luther League Rally, Bulyea Parish

A joint rally was held by the Norrøna, St. Olaf and Lunner Luther Leagues, Rev. H. L. Urness' charge, at Norrøna church, Bulyea, Saskatchewan, August 2.

In the forenoon an inspiring sermon was given by the pastor, his text being I Chronicles 29:5. He challenged the young people to consecrate their all to the Lord. He urged them to be true to their conscience and stressed the importance of making their choice today.

At the afternoon session the young people rendered messages in word and song. They were encouraged to attend the Bible School at Outlook. A free-will offering of twenty-two dollars for the school was laid upon the altar.

This rally is the second within two years held at Norrøna church. The visitors from Southey and Govan expressed their appreciation of the hospitality of their hosts, who in turn were thankful for the contributions made by the former to the program. An expression of thanks was made to the Norrøna Ladies Aid for serving lunch, and to Pastor Urness for the work he had done to make this rally possible. The young men of the parish who are serving in the armed forces were especially remembered also.

—Muriel Rostad.

International Board Meeting

The Board of the International YPLL will meet in Minneapolis September 23-25. Will you leaguers remember the group and its meeting in your prayers, that God would guide them in their deliberations, to the furthering of the work of the Gospel.

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7:30 P.M. The theme is "Christian Loyalty." At the business session, to be held on Saturday the constitution for the incorporation of the Bible Camp of the Circuit will be presented.